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OF GRANULAR SPECK PATTERN GENERATED BY
REFLECTING LIGHT OF LASER BEAM

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English translations of the non-English documents are enclosed.

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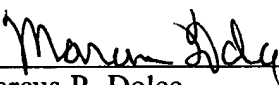
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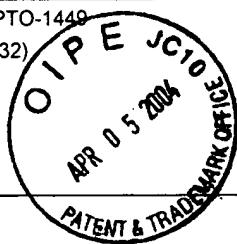
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